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Serial No. 10/826,941 ) Group Art Unit: 2859  
Filed: April 17, 2004 ) Examiner: Yaritza Guadalupe  
Title: STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR )  
HOLDING AND PROTECTING VIALS )  
IN LEVELS )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Replacement Sheets** of drawings in the application are attached following page 21 of this paper.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)**

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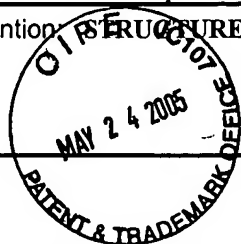
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Invention: STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR HOLDING AND PROTECTING VIALS IN LEVELS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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